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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF ARIZONA
IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MOHAVE

STATE OF ARIZONA,
Plaintiff,

vs.

JUSTIN JAMES RECTOR
Defendant.

No. CR-2014-1193

State's case status report for
November 26, 2018

COMES NOW, the State of Arizona, by the Mohave County Attorney and through the undersigned Deputy County Attorney, respectfully submits the following case status report.

Interviews

The parties have not completed further interviews.

Defense has declined to interview witnesses selected by the State. On the 4th of September 2018, defense counsel indicated that she needed to confer with the defense investigator and determine witnesses to interview. Undersigned prosecutor indicated that the State would await word from defense prior to setting any further interviews. The State has received no further interview requests.

The State has been attempting to re-start interviews for years. Defenses' refusal to set interviews is not a justification to continue the current trial date. The State will object to a continuance of the trial for reason of interview completion.



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2 **Disclosure**

3 To this day, the defense has not disclosed to the State names and
4 addresses of witnesses whom the defendant intends to call at trial. No expert
5 witnesses have been disclosed. No evidence has been disclosed.

6 At this time, the State expects that defense has no witnesses or evidence
7 to present at trial. The State expects that defense has no expert witnesses to
8 present at trial.

8 **Trial Date**

9 The trial is currently set for April 29, 2019. Victim has invoked speedy trial
10 rights. The State objects to a continuance of the current trial date.

11 **Defense experts**


12 Defense has refused to interview State experts until after they hire defense
13 experts. On the 14th of November 2018, defense filed a Motion for Stay of
14 Proceedings. That motion implied that defendant has not retained a defense
expert since the last hearing on September 7, 2018.

15 Defendant cannot continue the current trial date by choosing to refuse to
16 retain experts or interview the State's experts. Further, defense expert reports
17 disclosed on the eve of trial would constitute a disclosure violation. Such a
18 disclosure violation could call for preclusion of defense witnesses.

19 Defendant cannot be allowed to obtain a continuance of the current trial
20 date by intentionally running the clock.
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1 RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED THIS 15TH DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2018.

2 MOHAVE COUNTY ATTORNEY
3 MATTHEW J. SMITH

4 By 
5 DEPUTY COUNTY ATTORNEY
6 GREGORY A. MCPHILLIPS

7 A copy of the foregoing
8 sent this same day to:

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10 SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE

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